

# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of National Emergency Medical Services Week**

**WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services Week** underscores that Emergency Medical Services are a lifeline for the sick and injured of our communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year; and

**WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services Week** raises awareness that paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) provide a high level of pre-hospital care to those in need; and

**WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services Week** highlights that the quality of medical treatment has a profound impact on patients' survival and recovery rate from serious illness and injury; and

**WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services Week** emphasizes that the State of Hawai'i Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch's objective is to provide comprehensive emergency medical services throughout the islands, and is designed to meet the emergency medical needs of all of those who call Hawai'i home; and

**WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services Week** underlines that the week of May 18-24, 2014, will be dedicated to the brave men and women who protect those who find themselves in a time of need; in 1974, President Gerald Ford issued the first EMS Presidential Proclamation, making this the 40th anniversary of National EMS Week; and


**WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services Week** recognizes that this year's theme, "EMS: Dedicated. For Life." represents the thousands of hours of specialized training and education undertaken by paramedics and EMTs, along with the selfless dedication they display in coming to the aid of our residents and visitors;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2014, as

### **"NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the bravery, dedication and skill of Hawai'i's EMS personnel who provide crucial care in responding to individuals' needs for urgent medical attention.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of May 2014.

  
**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
**SHAN S. TSUTSUI**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i